

I am a resident of Sherston

1 I was asked by the owners of the Angel to make representation on their behalf as to the damage they anticipate Lime Down Solar will make to their business.

The Angel is primarily a cafe located on Sherston High Street providing all day hospitality primarily serving coffee and food but also provides a number of overnight rooms.

The Angel broadly has 2 groups of clients

a} Residents of Sherston and surrounding areas who use it as a convenient and pleasant meeting place, as such it has become a major hub of the village

b} Walkers and cyclists drawn to the locality by the beauty of the area. Walkers are of particular importance as groups will regularly take rooms overnight {through Cotswold walkers}

This second group of clientele {as stated by a number of other speakers} will not be drawn to walk / cycle through acres and acres of solar panels. It is anticipated that this trade will reduce very materially to the extent the revenue will be immaterial. Such a reduction will The Angel a totally uneconomic business and will be forced to close. This is not just a worry but an unfortunate certainty.

2. I would look for the applicant to provide detail on how they propose to ensure sufficient funding to return the land to current state at the end of Term.

a) How is the cost calculated

b) How is inflation be taken into account

c) Who will have control of these assets (presumably held independently)

it would also be interesting to know the applicants thoughts on the possible government control / nationalisation of energy. Will they still be able to attract the investment from institutional funds that they need for the funding?